

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H6736, H6741, and H6749.

Senate Referrals: S. 2766, S. 3298, S. 901, and S. Con. Res. 94 were held at the desk; S. 3294 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H6822**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6793, H6794, and H6795. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ARMY MEDICAL ACTION PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Army Medical Action Plan: Is it Working? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters, U.S. Army; LTG Robert Wilson, USA, U.S. Army Installation Management Command; MG David A. Rubenstein, USA, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army; and BG Gary H. Cheek, USA, Assistant Surgeon General, Warrior Care and Transition.

BUSINESS-EDUCATION SCIENCE PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Innovation in Education through Business and Education STEM Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Phil Mickelson, Professional Golfer; Sally Ride, first American woman in space; and public witnesses.

STATE'S FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "State Fiscal Relief: Protecting Health Coverage in an Economic Downturn." Testimony was heard from Robert Tannenwald, Vice President and Director, New England Public Policy Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING CONSUMERS THROUGH FORBEARANCE PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Issues in Telecommunications Competition," and on H.R. 3914, Protecting Consumers

through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5501, THE TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a nonrecord vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5501, the "Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008." The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to concur in the Senate amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the motion except clause 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule further provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lee and Ros-Lehtinen.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3221, THE AMERICAN HOUSING RESCUE AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, the American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008. The rule makes in order a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment numbered one with the text of the House amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides two hours of debate on the motion, with 80 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that upon adoption of the motion specified in the first section of the rule, the House shall be considered to have receded from any

remaining amendments or disagreements. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank of Massachusetts, Representatives Neal, Waters, Kaptur, Bachus and Garrett of New Jersey.

D.C.'S UNION STATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Union Station: A Comprehensive hearing on the Private Management, the Public Space, and the Intermodal Uses Present and Future. Testimony was heard from Emeka Moneme, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

KAZAKHSTAN'S FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Kazakhstan's preparation for its future chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010, focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the OSCE region, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Askar Tazhiev, Embassy of Kazakhstan, and Martha Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrea Berg, Human Rights Watch, Berlin, Germany.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D915)

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI. Signed on July 21, 2008. (Public Law 110-280)

H.R. 3891, to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Signed on July 21, 2008. (Public Law 110-281)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold oversight hearing to examine the adequacy of defense contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status of existing federal programs

targeted at reducing gasoline demand, focusing on additional proposals for near-term gasoline demand reductions, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Midwest floods, focusing on ways to determine what happened and how to improve managing risk and responses in the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 44, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule set forth as requirements contained in the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials from the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the State Health Official Letter 08-003, dated May 7, 2008, from such Center, and S.J. Res. 41, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Christopher Swan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, W. Stuart Symington, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John A. Simon, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tatiana C. Gfoeller-Volkoff, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Richard G. Olson, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, all of the Department of State, 1:30 p.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine United Nations peacekeeping, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to continue hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part II), 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine information sharing, focusing on connecting the dots at the Federal, State, and Local levels, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carol A. Dalton, Anthony C. Epstein, and Heidi M. Pasichow, all of the District of Columbia, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine courting big business, focusing on the Supreme Court's recent decisions on corporate misconduct and laws regulating corporations, 10 a.m., SD-226.